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SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN SUBMARINES

1. FOLLOWING AN AID LOAN SIGNING CEREMONY JUNE 30.
I ASKED FINANCE MINISTER JAVIER SILVA RUETE FOR A FEW
MINUTES OF HIS TIME. HE TOOK ME TO HIS PRIVATE OFFICE
WHERE I REVIEWED FOR HIM THE PROBLEM OF THE SUBMARINES.
I NOTED THAT THE ISSUE WOULD HAVE TO BE A DELICATE ONE
FOR HIM, BUT SAID I THOUGHT HE SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH
IT IN VIEW OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE
RELATED TO THE FORTHCOMING DEBT RESCHEDULING. IT WAS
MY VIEW THAT THE SUBMARINE TRANSACTION COULD PROVE AN
EMBARRASSMENT TO THE GOP IN THAT CONTEXT IF ARRANGEMENTS
FOR AT LEAST A POSTPONEMENT OF DELIVERY OF THE SECOND
PAIR OF VESSELS HAD NOT BEEN MADE BY THEM.

2. SILVA SAID HE APPRECIATED THE INFORMATION MADE
NOTES OF WHAT I TOLD HIM AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD
TAKE AN INTEREST IN THE MATTER. HE AGREED IMPHATICALLY
THAT THE ADDED BURDEN OF THE PAYMENTS FOR THE SUBMARINES
FALLING DUE IN THE SAME PERIOD TO WHICH PERU NOW WANTS
TO POSTPONE SOME OF ITS CURRENT DEBT SERIVCE WOULD BE
DAMAGING. SILVA HAD APPARENTLY NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN
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AWARE OF THE SUBMARINE TRANSACTION.

3. I ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF A RECENT SOCIAL
AFFAIR TO TELL ADMIRAL PARODI THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK
TO HIM AGAIN. HE RECEIVED THAT NEWS CORDIALLY AND I
SHALL FOLLOW UP NEXT WEEK. THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR TELLS
ME THAT PARODI IS PLANNING ANOTHER TRIP TO EUROPE AND

AN EFFORT TO PIN HIM DOWN NOW WOULD SEEM TO BE CALLED FOR. (PARODI IS REPOREDLY PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO THE NETHERLANDS IN ORDER TO PICK UP A FANCY CUCKOO CLOCK THE DUTCH ARE GIVING HIM.)

4. COMMENT: SILVA HAS BEEN ENGAGED AS IT IS IN A BRUISING ININTER-GOVERNMENT STRUGGLE OVER SPECIAL PRIVILEGES RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS ENJOY -- PARTICULARLY FRE GASOLINE AND AUTOMOBILES -- AND THE NAVY HAS BEEN HIS MOST STUBBORN ADVERSARY. BUT HE DOES HAVE CONSIDERABLE LEVERAGE AT THE MOMENT WITH THE IMF NEGOTIATIONS AND DEBT RESCHEDULING COMING UP. AND HE HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT. PERHAPS HE CAN BE HELPFUL ON THIS ISSUE.
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